

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Collection of these is now virtually complete, thanks to Polly Sheasby's efforts, and we should have an up-to-date club list available in a few weeks.

A.M. TRAINING

Attendance has improved - there were 14 swimming at 7.00 one morning. I rather suspect that the improvement is due to the approach of the County events, but hope that we can maintain it. Very many of the people you swim against in Open Meets train 3 or 4 mornings a week, in many cases as early as 5.30.

UNCLE BEN'S SPONSORED SWIM

Many thanks to Heidi for organising this and to those who took part. You raised a total of £443.88 from which £148.00 has gone in to club funds.

TRIPS

All arrangements are now made for our second Guernsey visit, and I hope to take a group to Cardiff again to the Welsh Nationals, July 3/5. It is some years since we have swum abroad and if there is enough interest we might go to a European Meet in 1993.

MATCH REPORTS

15/16 February 1992 - High Wycombe Meet (50m)

Lacking transport, we had to get accommodation close to the Pool, and our hotel (7 minutes' walk) was very comfortable.

Good swims : F/S Darren Dyke 56.36 (2nd), 25.36 (1st); Andre Sheppard 1.02.14; Lucy Tubbs 2.25.97; Michelle Jennings 30.86.
BR Mike Hoare 32.47 (1st), 2.35.33 (1st).
FLY Jo Potter 1.20.91; Darren 27.68 (2nd).
F/S Tm. (2nd) Darren, Mike, Steve Dunn, Martin Atkins

This is a worthwhile long course Meet, and, if the date is suitable, I hope we can take a larger group next year.

23 February 1992 - Oldbury 'B' Grade - Halesowen (36 2/3yds)

Our entries for this event were somewhat 'thin' and I was disappointed that more of our less experienced members did not take the opportunity to swim 100's.

Our best swims: Katie Smith, FLY, 1.35.18 (6th); Ian Potter, F/S, 1.19.86 (6th); Jamie Hamer, BR 1.19.05 and FLY 1.11.89 (2nd); Jonathan Baker, FLY, 1.17.11; Wayne Poole, FLY, 1.34.86 - still having great difficulties on the final length, but much better than the previous day's effort; Gemma Hindson, FLY 27.20 (2nd) & BR 1.08.71 (3rd).

29 February 1992 - Castle Trophy Relay Gala, 11-13 yrs.
Dudley (25m)

Stourbridge 196, Camp Hill 137, Triple S 129, Swadlincote 120, Orion 78.

Stourbridge soon showed that they would win this gala, with a lead of 16 points over their nearest challenger (45-29) after 10 races, while we were fourth with 24 points. After 20 events we remained in fourth place, but improved to equal third by event 30 and, maintaining our drive, finished second overall.

7 March 1992 - Relay Gala, 9-12 yrs - Solihull (36 2/3 yds)

Gloucester 188, Orion 161, Solihull 159, Camp Hill 121, Solihull 'B' 75, Wednesbury 58. One has to start this report by deploring the throwing away of 19 points. We had 2 d.q.'s for faulty strokes (girls) and the boys lost valuable points in four races, with the 9 yrs being the main culprits - F/S, Medley and Cannon - as well as the 11 yrs - FLY and Cannon. The 9 yrs left early despite being told to wait, so one is left wondering how they will cope in the league galas. Our 12 yr girls, on the other hand, tackled their races in a most professional manner, winning four of their five events convincingly. Katie Smith, Katie Brooks, Kate Green, Pam Schofield, Natalie Smith, Ruth Fraser and Gemma Hindson did well with a heavy programme; Louise Morgan is showing marked improvement in a very short time, while Nadia Rahman is looking much stronger in the water. Lucy Lloyd-Roach will remember the gala after changing lanes in one race and shortly afterwards slipping on the poolside, cutting her lip and bleeding profusely; however, on the Monday she was back in the water undeterred. Simon Westwood is becoming a useful competitor and Duncan Adams, in his first gala, showed that he will strengthen our 11 yr boys' team.

14 March 1992 - Round III East Midlands League - Leicester (25m)

Leicester Penguins 222, Derby 206, Radford 188, C/Hill 186, Norwich Swan 125, Leicester Knighton Fields 114.

A well run gala with many good times in the 'fast' Leicester pool.

F/S Georgina Lee 36.41, Ian Potter 34.20, Richard Rivers 1.00.83; Michelle Jennings 1.06.03; Sharon Morris 1.04.70; Lucy Tubbs 1.04.06.

B/K Lucy Wood 39.03; Joanne Potter 1.22.24; Simon Delves 1.10.44; Steve Dunn 1.04.24.

FLY Tracey Collier 1.16.54.

BR Jo Seymour 1.17.82; Sharon 1.18.80; Jamie Hamer 1.17.86 and a NEW CLUB RECORD of 1.07.73 by Mike Hoare.

Cambridge (36 2/3 yds)

Camp Hill 202, Mildenhall 194, Dereham 184, Skegness 173, Leicester 163, Triple S 'B' 119. One of our longer trips, setting out at 3.00 and back by midnight. Interesting in that we were meeting clubs that we rarely come across. Many good 'match' swims, with notable times from David Tubbs, BK, 1.18.38; Rachel Noch, FLY, 1.14.53; Kevin Woodward 1.03.80; Kate Green, BK, 1.29.54; Amy Waterhouse 1.19.29; Damien Freeman, BR, 30.91.

Loss on coach hire £80.00.

15 and 22 March 1992 - Broadway Meet - Wolverhampton (25m)

We had several P.B.'s on the first day. F/S Kate Green 1.12.15; Pam Schofield 1.14.59; Kate Smith 1.13.76; Michelle Jennings, 200, 2.254.24. Raymond Watson looks to be getting back to form with a 1.10.74 FLY, but Ben Darbyshire is still uncommitted on that first 25m. Simon Delves, BK, 1.10.77; Jo Potter, I.M., 2.50.30. A good day for BR, Kate Green 1.29.96; Pam Schofield 1.33.46; Kesree Finnegan 1.27.29; Michelle 1.26.60; Sally Millard 2.04.41 and Stephen Jones 2.51.05 (1.24.65).

On the second day, our small contingent continued to do well.

10 yrs - Gemma Hindson, 50 F/S 36.43 (1st); BR 47.78 (3rd); Nicola Sheasby 48.85 (5th); 11 yrs - FLY - Wayne Poole 1.30.07 - he really tried on the second 50; Katie Smith 1.30.48 - but what a pity that Katie had to keep looking around on the last length, thereby depriving herself of a sub-90 seconds swim.

12/13 yrs - Dean ^{Smith}, also a 90 seconds FLY, now finishing much better. Jonathan Baker still looking very 'heavy' in the FLY, but a P.B. of 1.07.11 in F/S. David Tubbs disqualified for a false start, but his 1.06.60 looked good. Kesree Finnegan, 1.08.55, must discipline herself not to breathe out of the turns. Jo Potter, still failing to get out fast, nevertheless a good 400 F/S, 5.10.90 (2.34.33 and 2.35.67). Michelle Jennings with a slightly below form heat swim was lucky to get a swim-off for the final, qualifyig with a P.B. of 1.05.28 and finishing 6th, 1.05.94. Good swims by our 15/16 boys: F/S Andrew Brown, P.B. 58.64 (5th); BR 1.13.89 (3rd); Andre Shepard, F/S 1.00.61, BR 1.20.21; Simon Delves 1.20.47; Raymond Watson 1.20.65.

21 March 1992 - Bilston Diddy Gala (36 2/3 yards)

Bilston 244, Avon Neptune 211, Camp Hill 201, Chase 166, Wedesbury 111. A valuable pre-league gala which we used for trying out several swimmers to assist in team selection for the league. Some times: Gemma Hindson, F/S, 23.78; Duncan Adams, F/S 23.08, FLY 27.54, BK 1.01.04; Damien Freeman, BR, 30.82; Tamar Watts, FLY, 59.32; Robert Delves, BR, 34.17 in his first match swim; Laura Payne, BK, 30.42; Lucy Wood 55.60.

23 March 1992 - Festival Gala - Solihull (36 2/3 yards)

This event had two separate matches, 9-12 yrs and 13 yrs - Open:

- . Solihull 94, Camp Hill 92, Triple S 88, Solihull B 70;
- . Camp Hill 120, Solihull 102, Triple S 87, Solihull B 66.

My thanks to the 43 swimmers who turned out at relatively short notice and following a good day at Coventry. Our seniors won easily, whereas our 9-13's, having looked to be comfortable winners at the halfway stage, threw it away (why do we feel obliged to do this at Solihull?) with one boy finishing a BK race on the front and another on BR finishing with the most obvious one-handed touch that I have seen for several years - a race that we had won! Solihull 94, Camp Hill 92!

FIXTURES

May 2/3: Guernsey - entries made

" " Midlands Masters - Leamington - entries made

9 Midland District Relays

" Diddy League - Round II

16 Inter-Club, 11-OP, Halesowen

30 Stourport - 9-13 years

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Still Fast at 30!

Craig Norrey celebrated the approach of his 31st birthday in May by clocking a 54.18 for the 100m F/S (25m) in the Swiss/French Short Course Championships and a 24.52 split in the relay.